

REMARKS

This amendment is responsive to the Office Action of May 21, 2003.

On page 2 of the Office Action, the Examiner requires correction to identify the parent applications. Accordingly, the specification is amended by the foregoing.

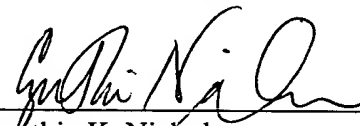
Also on page 2 of the Office Action, the Examiner rejects claims 1-15 under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-13 of US Patent No. 6,165,525. For the sake of expediting prosecution, a terminal disclaimer is submitted herewith.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicant respectfully requests the reconsideration and reexamination of this application and the timely allowance of the pending claims.

To the extent any extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 is required to obtain entry of this amendment, such extension is hereby requested. If there are any fees due under 37 C.F.R. §§1.16 or 1.17 which are not enclosed, including any fees required for an extension of time, please charge those fees to our Deposit Account No. 08-0219.

Respectfully submitted,

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